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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3608

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMCONSUL LAHORE

AMCONSUL PESHAWAR

USLO PEKING

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PK, CH

SUB: DEATH OF CHOU EN-LAI

1. IT WILL COME AS NO SURPRISE THAT GOP HAS GIVEN FULSOME ACCOLADES TO CHOU EN-LAI AND HAS CALLED HIS DEATH A GRIEVOUS LOSS TO PAKISTAN. GOP OFFICIALS, FROM PRIME MINISTER DOWN, HAVE EXPRESSED SENSE OF LOSS AND COUNTRY IS IN OFFICIAL MOURNING.

2. MAJOR THEME HAS BEEN, AS STATED BY PM, THAT PAKISTAN HAS LOST A "RELIABLE FRIEND" WHO ENSURED THAT PAK-PRC FRIENDSHIP "WITHSTOOD THE VICISSITUDES OF TIME." IN HIS ENCOMIUM, BHUTTO PRAISED CHOU'S DIPLOMACY AND HIS SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN IN 1965 AND 1971 CRISES AND THE POST-971 PERIOD. PM LED LONG LIST OF GOP DIGNITARIES IN SIGNING CONDOLENCE BOOK AT PRC EMBASSY (BEGUM BHUTTO SIGNED THE BOOK AT PRC CONSULATE IN KARACHI), AND MESSAGES FROM CABINET MINISTERS, PROVINCIAL LEADERS, PARTY FUNCTIONARIES AND THE "COMMON MAN" WERE CARRIED IN THE MEDIA. AN OFFICIAL ONE-WEEK PERIOD OF MOURNING HAS BEEN DECLARED IN PAKISTAN AND FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF-MAST FOR THREE DAYS.

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EM EVENT HAS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE WITH  
FIRST PAGE OF JANUARY 10 NEWSPAPERS GIVEN OVER ALMOST  
ENTIRELY TO STORIES ABOUT CHOU. CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE  
GIVEN TO PEKING DATELINE STORIES AND CONDOLENCE MESSAGES  
TO PRC FROM WORLD LEADERS.  
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